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SUBJ: FERRY BOAT SERVICE BETWEEN TURKEY AND GREEK ISLANDS

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1. EMBOFF, WHO JUST RETURNED FROM A PRIVATE VISIT TO GREEK ISLANDS, CONFIRMED THAT THERE IS NOW REGULAR FERRY BOAT SERVICE (MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS) BETWEEN SAMOS AND KUSADASI. THIS SERVICE APPARENTLY BEGAN SEVERAL WEEKS AGO. BOTH GREEK AND TURKISH FLAG VESSELS ARE INVOLVED. FROM SAMOS ISLAND FERRY DEPARTS ABOUT 10 A.M. WITHER FROM SAMOS HARBOR OR FROM PITHAGORIO. EMBOFF SAW ABOUT TWENTY TOURISTS DEPART FROM PITHAGORIO ON MAY 12 AND RETURN ABOUT SIX HOURS LATER. AT LEAST ONE TURKISH-SPEAKING TOURIST RETURNED WITH PARTY.

2. IN KOS HARBOR MAY 15 EMBOFF WITNESSED ARRIVAL OF SMALL TURKISH FLAG VESSEL WHICH LOCAL TOURIST OFFICE IDENTIFIED AS MAKING ROUND TRIP WITH TOURISTS BETWEEN BODRUM AND KOS. THIS WAS FIRST VESSEL OF EITHER FLAG TO DO THIS IN MONTHS.

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3. DURING SEVERAL INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH GREEKS INVOLVED

IN TOURIST INDUSTRY ON SAMOS
AND KOS, THEY ALL APPEARED
GENUINELY NON-BELLIGERENT IN THEIR ATTITUDES TOWARD TURKEY
AND EAGER TO SEE RETURN OF PRE-JULY 1974 STATUS OF COMMERCIAL
AND TOURIST RELATIONS WITH THE TURKISH MAINLAND. KUBISCH

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